

MEASURE J  
"REIMAGINE LA"



# 2021 SPENDING RECOMMENDATIONS PROCESS

## Measure J Housing Subcommittee

**Planning Resource:** Subcommittee's Emerging Ideas for Funding Recommendations and the related Foundational ATI Recommendations



**2021 SPENDING**  
RECOMMENDATIONS PROCESS

# Measure J Funding Areas:

## Direct Community Investment

1. Community-based youth development programs
2. Access to capital for small minority-owned businesses with a focus on Black-owned businesses
3. Rent assistance, housing vouchers and accompanying supportive services to those at-risk of losing their housing or without stable housing
4. Capital funding for transitional, affordable, & supportive housing and restorative care villages with priority for shovel-ready projects.

## Alternatives to Incarceration

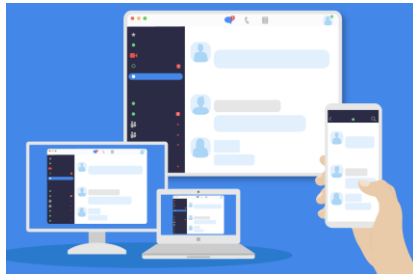
1. Community-based restorative justice programs
2. Pre-trial non-custody services and treatment
3. Community-based health services, health promotion, counseling, wellness and prevention programs, and mental health and substance use disorder services; and
4. Non-custodial diversion and reentry programs including housing and services.



# Emerging Funding Recommendation Elements ● from This Subcommittee

You've been generating Funding Recommendations Elements since we starting meeting 2 weeks ago.

**Zoom Chat**  
Meeting #1 & 2



**Meeting #1**  
**Google**  
**Jamboard**



**Meeting #2**  
**Menti.com**  
*wordcloud &  
comment section*

 **Mentimeter**



# Emerging Funding Recommendation Elements: “Who”

- **Black people**
- **Transgender and LGBTQIA+**
  - queer, trans folks, LGBTQIA2S+ Trans, LGBTQ
- **Systems Impacted People**
  - People with foster care involvement or backgrounds
  - Individuals that have no diagnosis but served long term incarceration
  - Folks with injustice system involvement or background
  - Patients in substance use disorder treatment
  - Lack of housing services for people experiencing Domestic Violence
- **Lack of community based and driven housing programs for specific groups**
  - Latino
  - Native American
  - Disabled
  - Black communities in the San Fernando Valley
  - Foster kids timed out
  - TAY
  - chronically homeless
  - Undocumented communities
  - Youth

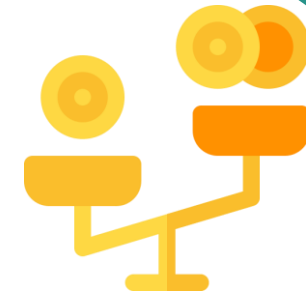


## WHO

The most  
impacted groups in this  
subcommittee's focus area?

*Ideas here are  
from the  
Jamboard & Chat  
in Meeting 1 & 2*

# Emerging Funding Recommendation Elements: “What”



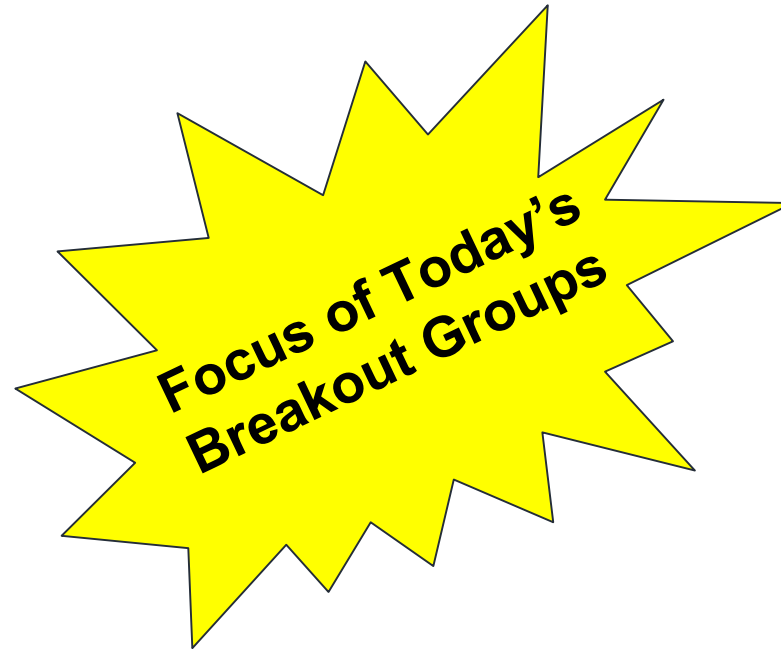
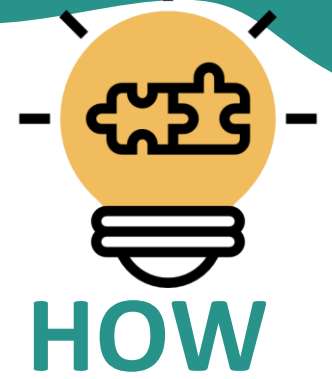
## WHAT

Identifying the disparities or challenges that exist for those impacted groups?

### Initial Ideas from Jamboards & Chat on Barriers & Challenges:

- ☐ Culturally competent providers
  - ☐ Language access
  - ☐ Understand the Black community
- ☐ Engaging local Tongva tribe
- ☐ County, agency and CBO collaboration and integration
  - ☐ Need a joint agency to identify and use underused public land
- ☐ Big developer loopholes - enforcing requiring affordable units
- ☐ Fees and funds that are needed to secure housing
- ☐ Reserving enough housing units for formerly incarcerated folks
- ☐ Bureaucracy (applications, different agencies, etc.) for folks to access housing
- ☐ Starting the housing process while transitioning out of system
- ☐ Connecting job training/placement with housing - they are interconnected

# Emerging Funding Recommendation Elements: “How”



Identifying the services, investments, and/or strategies that can eliminate *(or greatly reduce)* those disparities and challenges for the impacted groups in this subcommittee's focus area.

# ATI Work Group Recommendations Closely Connected to HOUSING

- 1. AFFORDABLE HOUSING MODELS:** Expand or refine affordable successful housing models designed for and tailored to justice-involved individuals with mental health and/or substance use disorder needs.
- 2. UPDATE POLICIES TO REMOVE BARRIERS:** Remove barriers to treatment, employment, and affordable housing, including recovery housing, based on stigmatization and discrimination due to record of past convictions through local and state legislative intervention or updating County policies.
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- **Fund existing programs through Measure J**
  - County based programs that work well and need to scale
  - Community-based housing not large shelters
  - Those those who have empty beds
  - Those who currently don't have housing & those who are at risk of losing their homes (rent relief)
- **Models such as:**
  - Solutions for Homelessness: ABH, Safe Parking, Sanctioned Encampments, leasing motels, etc. for immediate relief
  - Housing built in religious facilities
  - Housing specific to Trans Community
  - Accessible to people with Disabilities
  - Women with children especially those who are trying to reunify with their children in Foster care
  - Shared housing with private rooms and common spaces





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## ☐ Pilot Ideas

- ☐ Culturally competent housing for Black & Indigenous communities.
- ☐ Consultation with local tribes e.g. work closely with Tongva people
- ☐ Those who have substance Abuse challenges
- ☐ We should highlight recent innovative programs
- ☐ We need to be collaborating together- fund housing programs that connect/collaborate with other complementary programs.
- ☐ Need two strategies for those that are able to work and those who are unable to work. (Communities of Care)
- ☐ Opportunity for smaller orgs to provide these services
- ☐ Investment of other housing models and strategies that focus on tenant ownership, cooperatives, community land trust. Preservation of naturally occurring affordable housing.
- ☐ Tax on vacant buildings-no big money developer should be allowed to have all these vacant units while people are leaving jail and exiting directly into homelessness



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## ☐ **Pilot Ideas (continued)**

- ☐ Fund projects that buy existing buildings that could be converted to residential usage to provide housing (social housing, community controlled housing models, community land trusts)
- ☐ Reserve units in affordable housing developments for formerly system impacted folx. No age limits and don't make them go through CES.
- ☐ We need a regional housing authority or joint powers authority that can help assemble underused public land across public agencies to help scale affordable and social housing
- ☐ Equity/opportunity for building generational wealth.

## ☐ **Long-Term Affordable Housing & Permanent Housing Subsidies**

- ☐ Invest in preventing people from falling into homeless. support people at risk for losing housing.



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## ☐ Ideas for Policy Changes

- ☐ Waive application fees, credit and background checks, etc. for justice involved folks
- ☐ Directing 911 homelessness-related calls outside of law-enforcement
- ☐ Requiring all county projects have sizable number of affordable units
- ☐ Grow County's Affordable Housing Trust Fund
- ☐ Give priority to housing providers who are Black owned and BIPOC owned
- ☐ Address future of Eviction Moratorium
- ☐ Opportunities to convert commercially zoned areas to housing.
- ☐ Maximize use of county land and consider eminent domain actions to convert motels/other to housing quickly
- ☐ There should be a wider choice for individuals to get housing outside of areas where no longer want to live in because it is dangerous or not conducive to their health
- ☐ Reserve housing units for formerly system-impacted folks would be really helpful, no age limits



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## ☐ Ideas for Policy Changes (continued)

- ☐ The housing should fit a person's actual needs- instead of what get's them housed most quickly. Workers need a certain level of training- so they do not assign the first housing opp that pops up, but instead the most appropriate one.
- ☐ End the “One strike, you're out!” mentality for folks in crisis and looking for housing.
- ☐ Streamline all of the hoops that people need to jump through to get into an apartment. there are TOO many agencies



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## ☐ Supportive Funding to get housing

- ☐ Move-in Fund (rent and utility deposit)

## ☐ Information & Accessibility

- ☐ Language access
- ☐ Easily available housing information
- ☐ Fix challenge within the CES system
- ☐ Right to counsel for evictions
- ☐ Provide housing accessible to undocumented communities
- ☐ A supportive housing model where folks who don't want to "cut a deal" to be released out of jail, so community workers can work with them on a release plan.

## ☐ Data that is needed?

- ☐ Figure out— How many do we need? Housing units, beds, amount housing subsidies? These things would be critical. Focus on those physical structures and beds.
- ☐ Data - what is really working and not working?
- ☐ Major disconnect between how housing and services are rendered. We need to figure out how to create win-win. So we need a discussion about this.



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## ☐ **Programs that connect those who will reenter to housing before they are released**

- ☐ Communication between Parole, Probation, etc. to connect their caseloads to housing
- ☐ Strong connection to Employment and Housing
- ☐ Programs that will prevent people from going from incarceration to homelessness



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## ☐ Supportive Services and Staffing in housing sites

- ☐ From Harm Reduction Principles (No requirements for sobriety, longer term housing solutions)
- ☐ Anti-racism, Mental Health & SUD training for landlords, owners, operators
- ☐ Person-focused programs - Mentor/Navigator between different systems (justice system, housing, mental health, etc.)
- ☐ Support for addiction
- ☐ Are there models that the county has used before that have worked? Also if there are models for pop specific e.g. Black folks and Trans women of color
- ☐ More specific supportive housing for child welfare involved families and TAY. More prevention and flexible funding to support families and youth to stay housed.
- ☐ Serious lack of supportive housing, particularly paired with peer navigation/support
- ☐ Homelessness Prevention services are not readily available or prioritized

## ☐ Supporting Land Stewardship

- ☐ Publicly owned land, community land trusts, etc.



# Breakout Session Prompts



- 1. FOR 2021:** What are the programs/initiatives your break-out group thinks we should prioritize for funding for 2021 under your ATI Recommendation? *(See Synthesis from previous meeting ideas) What has existing infrastructure?*
- 2. BEYOND 2021:** Track which recommendations would be beyond 2021? What needs infrastructure built that doesn't exist now?



# **BREAKOUT SESSION:**

Ideas generated at Meeting #3 in Breakout Sessions, captured on Google Jamboards:

## **Breakout Groups 1-20**

<https://jamboard.google.com/d/1Xuj59JAmZDS3HHNGyAqeB3k2WLfGpBy3aEk4DtNRkRkk/edit?usp=sharing>

# The Alternative to Incarceration Recommendations related to our Subcommittee:

Shared at  
Meeting #1

**These recommendations were developed by community members to center care, build community, and lead to decarceration.**

**This Subcommittee may want to develop these recommendations or find ways to fund them with Measure J**



# Foundational Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI)

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